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Wet and windy weather to come

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After a largely fine and dry Easter weekend for most, things will turn more unsettled late on Sunday and into next week.

High pressure, which has been responsible for the dry and fine weekend weather for most, will move away to the east, to be replaced by a westerly Atlantic regime, with periods of winds and rain to come.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist Jason Kelly said: “A change is on the way for the UK weather as the dry, settled, and in places warm conditions are replaced by a more unsettled weather pattern from Sunday afternoon.

“This change happens first for Northern Ireland and Scotland, where Sunday afternoon rain will be replaced by blustery showers overnight and into Monday. Elsewhere, a mainly dry, but increasingly cloudy day on Sunday, with rain arriving for parts of Wales and southwest England by evening. Rain spreads east across other areas into Monday, with showers following.”

Wet and windy next week

The wet and windy weather will continue next week, with fronts arriving from the west bringing periods of rain for many on Monday and Tuesday.

A developing low-pressure system looks likely to bring a more sustained period of wet and windy weather from Tuesday and into Wednesday.

Met Office Deputy Chief Meteorologist Steven Keates said: “The focus for the medium-range forecast is a low-pressure system that’s likely to develop in the Atlantic potentially bringing a period of high winds and heavy rain late on Tuesday and into Wednesday.

“While the precise location and depth of this low-pressure system is subject to some uncertainty, there’s a distinct possibility of some disruptive wind for parts of the UK, as well as potential for heavy rainfall and even some snow, though the latter probably confined to high ground in the north. Warnings may need to be issued once we have greater confidence in the depth and track of the low.

“Although subject to a large degree of uncertainty, gusts of wind could be as high as 60-70 mph in some exposed upland or coastal regions, with around 30-40mm of rain possible for some areas. Coastlines, especially in the west and south, will also likely experience some large waves during the passage of this system.”

That low pressure is likely to gradually move into the North Sea late on Wednesday and into Thursday, though there are signals for some further wind and rain to come later next week.

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